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Nancy Fitz is OPP's expert on the container regs. She would be a great resource.

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Under TSCA, we do not have any purview over containers or even "products" per se; rather, we evaluate chemicals. In this case, based on what little is currently known, an Article made of an Existing Chemical (HDPE) is treated with another Existing Chemical (i.e., fluorine gas) to 'enhance' its characteristics. Hence, there are no new chemicals involved and no new chemical TSCA requirements for someone to have provide notice to EPA for using two Existing Chemicals. So, we would not have an avenue to have this proprietary knowledge.

I think that OPP may have more insights since they are the program with the actual regulations/requirements for packaging/containers for pesticide formulations. I don't have any background on what types of requirements are involved in approving those packages, so have therefore cc'd Ed Messina and Rick Keigwin for further insights.

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Hi Tala and Alison,

Allison and I were just on a call with Charlotte and wanted to get you inputs on this urgent question about how we didn't know about this PFAS contamination in containers before? Any insights on this would be greatly appreciated as we wrap up the Q&A's.

[PFAS Pesticide Packaging, Q&As](#)

Thank you,

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